

Docket No.: 50212-227



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
Hideyuki IJIRI, et al. : Confirmation Number: 1916
Serial No.: 09/843,838 : Group Art Unit: 2874
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For: METHODS OF MAKING PREFORM AND OPTICAL FIBER

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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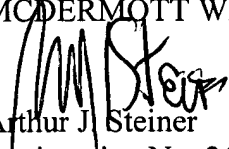
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2004, now due to expire June 9, 2004, be extended for one month(s) and set to expire on July 9, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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